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filaments being substantially free of breaking, wrapping, and knotting; said fabric having a basis weight of between about 20 and 450 gm/m², having a machine-direction elongation value of at least 75% and a cross-direction value of at least 100%, having a fiber entanglement frequency of at least 10.0, a fiber entanglement completeness value of at least 1.00, a fiber interlock value of at least 15.

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45. (Twice Amended) A nonwoven fabric consisting [essentially] of:
a web of substantially continuous thermoplastic filaments, said filaments being substantially free of breaking [whereby said fabric is substantially free of filament ends intermediate end portions of said fabric], said thermoplastic filaments each having a denier of about 1.2 to 2.5.

said thermoplastic filaments being hydroentangled on a three-dimensional image transfer device in the form of interengaged packed, continuous loops,

said fabric being extensible by disengagement and unpacking of said packed filament loops and straightening of said filaments prior to any substantial degree of breakage of said filaments,

said fabric exhibiting cross-direction elongation of at least about 90%, and machine direction elongation of at least about 75%, while exhibiting tensile strength generally proportional to cross-direction and machine direction elongation values.

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47. (Twice Amended) A nonwoven fabric, [comprising] consisting of:
plural laminations each consisting [essentially] of a web of substantially continuous polymeric thermoplastic filaments, said filaments being substantially free of breaking, [wherein each said web is substantially free of filament ends intermediate end portions of each said web],

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said thermoplastic filaments of each said web exhibiting a bonding temperature which differs significantly from the bonding temperatures of the thermoplastic filaments of an adjacent lamination,

said laminations being hydroentangled on a three-dimensional image transfer device whereby the filaments of the plural laminations interengage with each other to integrate and bond said laminations.

51. (Once Amended) A nonwoven fabric in accordance with claim 47, wherein [said fabric includes] plural ones of said laminations each [comprising] consist of polyethylene thermoplastic filaments, and another one of said laminations therebetween [comprising] consists of polypropylene thermoplastic filaments, said one lamination[s comprising] consisting of polypropylene filaments comprising about 10% to 60% of the weight of said fabric, with the polypropylene filaments having a denier of about 0.5 to 3, said ones of said laminations [comprising] consisting of polyethylene filaments together comprising from about 40% to 90% of the weight of said fabric, with the polyethylene filaments having a denier of about 1 to 5.

76. (Twice Amended) A hydroentangled nonwoven fabric consisting [essentially] of continuous filaments, said fabric comprising a plurality of layers of continuous filament nonwoven fabrics which have been initially thermally point bonded, said layers being hydroentangled together on a three-dimensional image transfer device to form a cohesive and durable fabric, said hydroentangled fabric being characterized by the substantial absence of thermal bonding in the layers.